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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Please enter the following Preliminary Amendment prior to calculating the filing fee.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 1-9 and add new claims 10-25, as follows:

10. (New) A filter for a medium passing therethrough, comprising:

a filter body including a plurality of filter openings;
said filter openings each having a passage cross-section; and